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Dear Mary,

Your letter of the 24th made excellent time.

Perhaps the trip to LA will be better than treatment for Billy Lee. I do hope so.

Bud drafted the complaint, with only the most minor suggestions from me. I asked his secretary to distribute copies among those I knew might want them.

Probably I'll file the next one myself, acting as my own lawyer, for a number of reasons, only one of which is to reduce the burden on Bud. Another is it would enable me to do the examining of witnesses. I visualize all unfriendly witnesses except possibly one, aside from myself. I think most lawyers would shudder at that, but in this case I think it necessary.

If you have any suggestions or corrections for COUP, please let me know. While there is little prospect of getting it printed, I do want to correct any errors that may have slipped through. Paul caught a real boo-boo in the appendix. I've just sent a corrected footnote for temporary page 55. He made "emergency" correction at my request so the error would not get distributed.

Your comments on Judy are interesting. And on Bill.

It is always a disappointment to me to find even those who oppose us with so little self-respect, so little concern for fact and truth, so much contempt for the obligations of the writer and the national interest and integrity.

How can we live with so much of this in those allegedly mature and not be at least sympathetic to the perplexities of youth and their inability to cope with them or, really, to have any influence on their own destinies?

Hope you have a good holiday, all of you.

Sincerely,